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ELIEL SAARINEN sideboard

USA, 1929 | mahogany
48 h × 77 w × 21 d in (122 × 196 × 53 cm)

This pair of important cabinets by Eliel Saarinen was created specifically for the 1929 exhibition "The Architectural and the Industrial Arts" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The exhibition focused on American design and craftsmanship of the time. The inlaid surfaces exemplify the decorative tendencies of the period while the overall form displays Modernist lines. Twelve drawers below an open display.

Provenance: Private collection, New York

Exhibited: The Architect and the Industrial Arts, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 1929

Literature: Design in America: The Cranbrook Vision 1925-1950, Clark, pg. 102

Estimate: \$50,000–70,000

Result: \$48,000

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